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AIRPORTS IN WEST BENGAL
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal to start and make operational some small airports in the State of West Bengal;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the time by which these airports are likely to start operation?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI PRAFUL PATEL)

(a), (b) & (c) Development of the following airports in West Bengal has been planned/undertaken by Airports Authority of India (AAI):

Behala- The strengthening of existing runway is in progress for activation of Behala Flying Club.Further, there are plans for extension of runway to 4500 ft. for ATR type of aircraft operation subject to availability of land by the State Government.

Malda- Additional land requirement has been projected to the State Government under an MOU for development/operationalization of the airport for ATR type of aircraft.

Cooch Behar - This airport has been developed and declared operational w.e.f. from 15th August, 2007 for ATR type of aircraft operations.